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John Romita

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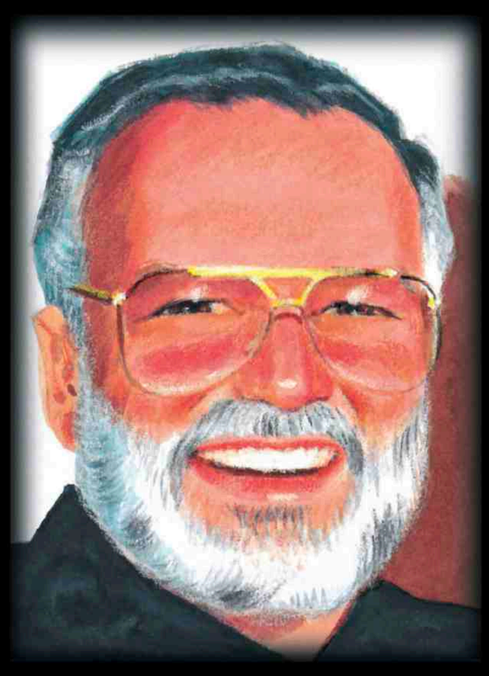

Marvel mourns the passing of comic-book artist John Romita Sr., whose work on *Amazing Spider-Man* helped make the character a worldwide sensation. In his work as Marvel's art director, he designed the Punisher and Wolverine and served as mentor for countless artists during his decades-long tenure with the company.

Romita had a profound effect on everyone he met at Marvel. He was always kind and warm and served as an inspiration to all who knew him or followed his work. Romita helped build the Marvel Universe as we know it, and he will be greatly missed.

DECADES OF AMAZING WORK

John Romita wore many hats at Marvel. His most famous contribution was his run on *Amazing Spider-Man*, including the cover below for the series' landmark fiftieth issue. His association with the character included drawing the cover of the famed wedding of Peter Parker and Mary Jane Watson in *Amazing Spider-Man Annual #21* and launching the Spider-Man newspaper strip with Stan Lee in 1977. Behind the scenes, Romita was responsible for designing many of Marvel's most famous characters. At bottom are Romita's costume designs for Black Widow and Wolverine.

"John Romita Sr. was an incomparable artist who brought so many iconic Marvel characters to life on the page and set the tone and look of Marvel's comics for decades. His version of Spider-Man has inspired so many of us at Marvel Studios. Our thoughts are with his family and the generations of artists and fans who fell in love with the characters he drew."

— KEVIN FEIGE

"I was recently able to fawn over some of John Romita Sr.'s original Spider-Man pages, and the word that kept popping into my mind as I marveled over his linework was 'timeless.' His style was such a departure from what had come before, which John did say made him nervous, but one that came to define the look of Peter, Spider-Man, MJ, Gwen and everyone else in their orbit. And the same was true for every Marvel character John designed, penciled and inked. Whether as anartist or art director, John's work influenced generations of comic book artists. With his passing, the comic industry loses a true legend, but just like his artwork, his legacy will remain timeless."

— C.B. CEBULSKI

"When you close your eyes and picture Spider-Man, you're probably picturing a John Romita Sr. Spider-Man. From his debut of the character in *Amazing Spider-Man #39*, the subsequent fifty issues of art, more than a hundred covers and the work he did on the newspaper strip, John defined Spidey for generations of people around the world.That would be enough for anyone else, but John was also anexcellent art director, a fantastic father, a doting grandfatherand a gentleman. All of us making Spider-Man comics, and Marvel Comics in general, work in his shadow and strive to live up to the example of the legend, Jazzy John Romita."

— NICK LOWE

"One of the highlights of my career was working with John Romita Sr. I couldn't believe that my 25-year-old self was working and interacting with him, and what made it even better was that he was so considerate and kind – something that has stuck with me ever since, among many other memories with him. It was one of the rare moments where you meet one of your heroes and he exceeds your expectations in every possible way.

His contributions to Marvel's pantheon and culture are immense, and he will be sorely missed. He was a great and kind man who truly made the world a better place. My deepest condolences to Virginia, Johnny and the Romita family."

— DAN BUCKLEY

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA. CANADA.

Are we sure that this is the right thing to do?

We'll be turning our backs on people who've ***trusted*** us. Who've put their faith in us.

I know.

While I agree with Snowbird, I think that this is the ***right*** call.

These people ***need*** our help to keep them ***safe.***

We've been ***forced*** to choose a side in this fight, and I will ***not*** lose sleep over the decision we've made.

Neither will I.

This is the mess ***they've*** made.

Are some folks going to be ***mad*** at us?

Hell yes. ***Livid,*** even. They'll curse us out.

But when has that ever stopped us from doing the ***right thing?***

Agreed.

NOW...

ALPHA FLIGHT...

...let's put on a show!

"For those who don't know me..."

...I'm ***Erika Doiron,*** new head director of Department H.

Although many of you may not have heard of us, we have been working ***for years*** to keep Canada ***safe*** from threats both on the ground and in the skies.

For the past several years, we've focused our resources on global defence via our ***Alpha Flight space stations,*** and while that program ***is*** still in effect--we cannot ignore the growing mutant concern on Mars--we would be remiss if we ***ignored*** the ***threats*** that still exist ***on the ground.***

CANADA STRONG

TRUE NORTH STRONG AND FREE

The ***mutant threat*** facing our neighbours to the south has begun to ***spread*** north like a plague.

Mutants who can resurrect themselves from the dead, so no longer ***value life*** nor ***fear death.***

Mutants who can travel from one destination to another, ***thousands of kilometers away,*** in the blink of an eye.

Who ***squirreled*** themselves away on their island, ***closed off*** to humankind, yet ***still*** brought ***chaos*** and ***destruction*** to our city streets.

It's ***because*** of this that Canada has ***joined*** with the United States to ***ban*** mutants from our country.

We've had enough.

It's time to make a ***stand.***

And so, it gives me great pleasure to ***reintroduce*** you to the newly re-formed...

...***Alpha Flight!***

Canada's ***first line*** of defence against the mutant threat we face today.

"Ensuring that we Canadians can sleep soundly at night, knowing that they're out there, keeping us safe."

Well, that didn't go *so badly, eh?*

You sold them out, *traitors!*

Northstar and Aurora were your teammates, and you've *turned on them* and the rest of mutantkind. You're nothing more than *government stooges!*

And you have the *nerve* to get up there on stage and talk about *protecting the innocent!*

All right, all right. Let's see if a night in a cell can't calm you down.

Sellouts!

Let him go.

Sir?

The man has a *right* to speak his mind. Even if we *don't* agree.

He threw hot liquid at you, that's *assault* under the--

I'm *not* pressing charges. Emotions are *high,* there's no reason to *escalate* them.

Let him go.

Guess it's your *lucky day,* pal.

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[Alpha Flight]

ON GUARD FOR THEE

For years, Alpha Flight has stood as the premier super-team for handling superhuman threats to their native Canada. Recently, the anti-mutant organization Orchis has banished mutants from Earth, garnering support from nations all over the world, including the Great White North. That makes the many mutants who have served on Alpha Flight over the years fugitives, leaving their human teammates to enforce the new law of the land...

1___[GUARDIAN]
2___[SHAMAN]
3___[SNOWBIRD]
4___[PUCK]
5___[ERIKA DOIRON]

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ALPHA FLIGHT

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DEPARTMENT H HEADQUARTERS. TORONTO, ONTARIO. CANADA.

Alpha Flight isn't going to be *enough* to deal with the threat we're facing.

No offence.

None taken.

We've restarted the *Box Program,* with the assistance of *Orchis.*

Once up and running, which should be *any day* now, each Box Sentinel will be able to track the location of rogue mutants via Orchis' *proprietary tech.*

We'll *no longer* have to rely on civilian reports of known mutant locations.

While Alpha Flight will always remain *the face* of this fight, the Box Sentinels should improve our projected efficacy by upwards of 570%.

I believe most of you already know Roger Bochs Jr.

It's been a while.

Yes, not since my father's funeral.

Ahem.

Yes...

Roger is running our new Box program, building off of his father's work.

Would you mind catching the team up on what you've been doing here, Roger?

Absolutely.

The goal was to create Sentinels that were sleeker and faster than those ***oversized*** Stark Sentinel ***monstrosities*** they're using down south. Machines that would result in less property damage and ancillary loss.

Our Box Sentinels can walk through doors, they don't have to smash through buildings.

And, as Director Doiron already mentioned, thanks to Orchis' Sentinel programming, our new generation of Box Sentinels will be able to seek out mutants ***where*** they hide.

This is very impressive, ***really.***

But, this all seems...it seems very... ***authoritarian.*** Sending in robots to do our job. It's cold. Using A.I. hasn't always gone... great. How's the public going to--

Our country is ***under siege,*** Puck. We're trying to use every tool at our disposal to ***save*** Canadian lives.

You'll be working ***with*** the Box Sentinels ***as soon*** as they're ***ready*** for launch.

It's ***not*** a discussion.

I understand the worry about the Box Sentinels going rogue.

You're not alone. That would be a nightmare situation. To prevent it, I've installed fail-safe mechanisms as part of their programming.

I'll be here at the command centre, able to ***take control*** when needed.

The machines can ***only*** do what ***I*** allow them to do. The moment I feel that they're acting outside of their programming or that something is wrong, I can ***shut them down.***

You have ***my word*** on that.

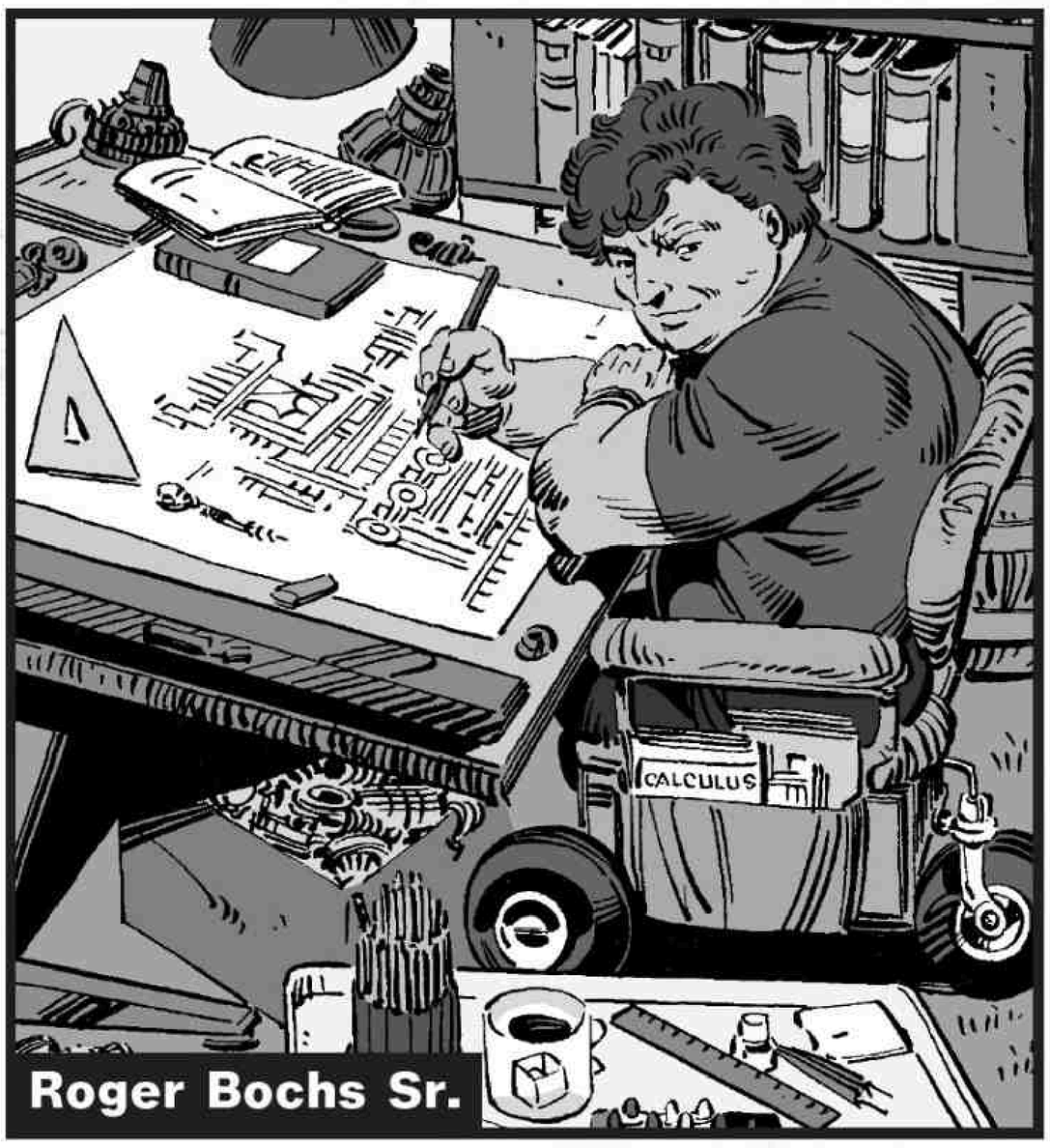
Thanks, Roger. I appreciate it.

Your dad would be ***proud.***

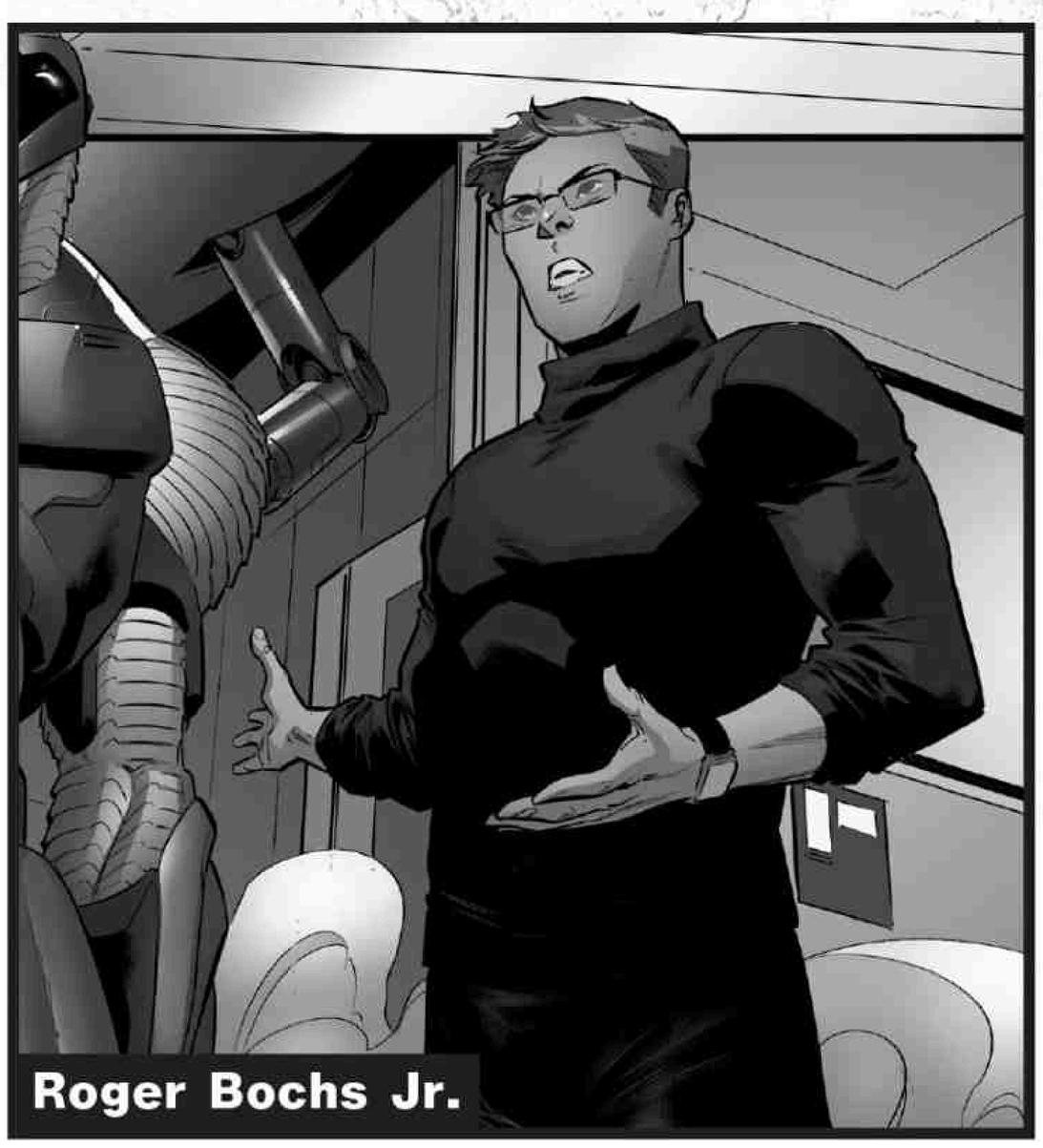
Alpha Flight, report to the flight deck. We've got a sighting in Saskatoon.

FOLLOWING IN HIS FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS:

A LOOK AT ROGER BOCHS JR.



Roger Bochs Sr.


Roger Bochs Jr.

Roger Bochs Jr. is a rising star in the field of biotech engineering, following in the footsteps of his father, Roger Bochs Sr., who was a pioneer in the field in Canada and known for his work in creating robotics to aid people with disabilities.

Despite losing both of his legs at an early age, Roger Bochs Sr. refused to let his disability hold him back and developed a range of disability aids and supports. He is perhaps best known for his pet project, "Box" -- a robot he could operate using a psychometric helmet. Roger Bochs Sr.'s exceptional work earned him a place on Canada's premier super-team: Alpha Flight.

Roger Bochs Jr. was born with the same rare congenital condition that caused his father's disability, and at a young age, he received prosthetic legs thanks to his father's research. He developed a passion for science and robotic engineering, and under his father's guidance, he improved upon these prosthetics, sparking a love for biotech engineering and robotics that led him to follow in his father's footsteps.

Roger Bochs Jr. is now a leading biotech engineer in Canada, known for his groundbreaking work in the field of robotics for people with disabilities. He has designed and developed a range of assistive technologies that have revolutionized the lives of people across Canada and all over the world. Additionally, he is a prominent disability-rights advocate and volunteer, tirelessly working to raise awareness about the challenges faced by people with disabilities and promoting inclusivity and accessibility in all aspects of society.

Just like his father before him, Roger Bochs Jr. has joined Canada's newly re-formed Alpha Flight, and there are rumours that he may be resurrecting his father's Box program to help Alpha Flight protect Canada from the growing Krakoan-nationalist threat.

CAMARILLO, CALIFORNIA. USA.

Dr. Lucas Peterson?

Yes?

A word. In *private*, if you don't mind.

What's going on? I *don't*--

This will be so much *easier* if you cooperate.

I'm... What is this all about? Who are these--

As you're ***well aware,*** Somis BioTech develops technologies for several organizations, the ***largest*** of which is ***Orchis.***

As part of our ***agreement*** with them, we had every member of our staff sign an affidavit ***confirming*** that they were not a mutant.

Given ***recent events*** surrounding mutantkind and Orchis' role in it, you can understand why this would be ***important*** to them.

I'd given them every assurance that it ***wouldn't*** be a problem. That our workplace was ***mutant free.***

Apparently...

...I was ***misled.***

On the ground! Now!

FWAK

What? I'm not. I'm not a mutant. I--

I said: ***on the ground!***

Get away from me!

KASMASH

FWAM

SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN. CANADA.

Okay, this mutant calls himself *Argent.* Real name Laurent Bavota. Last known location is Gatineau, Quebec. We have *no idea* what he's doing *this far* west.

He has *no priors* on file, but has already sent a *half dozen* officers to hospital. Do not give him the chance to get *close to civilians.*

You're *outnumbered* here.

Surrender before *anyone else* gets hurt--

KRAKKA

Please, just *leave me alone.*

I didn't *mean* to hurt anyone. They attacked me--I was only *defending myself!*

If that is true...

...then give yourself up...

...so that no one else gets hurt.

I just want to be left alone!

Arrrrrrrg!

Aurora!

Oui. You *cannot* have this one, Snowbird. He is under *our protection.*

I've got the runner.

And I have *you,* short stuff.

Daken--

It's *Fang* now.

Sounds dumb.

I'm gonna go easy on you outta *respect* for your *old man.*

But not *too* easy.

Arretez!

‹I am trying to *save you* from these *imbeciles.*›*

*Translated from French.

‹We can bring you to a place where you'll be *safe.* Where you won't have to *worry* about-->

SHRAAAAK

Argggh!

FWAK

Northstar, this is *disappointing.*

I thought that you'd left for Mars with the other mutants.

There's plenty of *disappointment* to go around, Mac.

Although, I guess I should *not* be *surprised* to see you acting as a *puppet* for the government, even if it means turning on your old friends.

And here I was, feeling *guilty* that I was going to have to bring you in as well, Northstar.

Please...*stop.* Stop this and just tell me where to go, *I'll go.*

They said that there were gates, the...*Krakoan Gates,* that we could use to leave.

But--the gates--they were *closed.* I *tried* to leave. I *kept* trying, but all of them--they're closed.

I am trapped!

If you tell me where I can go, I *will go there.* I *swear* to you.

SHOOM

Nemesis?!?

Surprise, Guardian.

Don't worry, friend.

You're *safe* now.

SHOOOM

Department H, Nemesis just absconded with our targets.

Can you get *a trace* on her?

Negative.

Daken or Fang or whatever he's called now, he's gone as well.

Aurora *too.*

Looks like every person downtown managed to capture our embarrassment on video.

Great. Just great.

GARBERVILLE, CALIFORNIA. USA.

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PROPA

TAK TAK TAK

Hello?

Eleanor... oh god. It's me.

Lucas?!

Are you and Sophie... are you okay?

I...I'm sorry. I had to...they were coming, and I had to run--

We're okay. We...

Please, just tell me... What's happening? I saw on the news that there was an explosion at your work, that people had died, and then I couldn't get a hold of you. I thought maybe you'd been--

No. I'm okay. I'm okay.

I thought I'd protected myself. I thought I'd covered my tracks. I...I don't know how they found out.

Lucas? What are you talking about? Please...can't you just come home? Just...

I'm sorry I never told you, I just--

Told me what?

I thought... I don't know... I thought if I ignored it, it would go away.

People will be by to question you, they're going to tell you things about me. Things you should hear from me first.

I...

I... My real name is **Albert Louis.** I'm a **mutant,** but I haven't used my powers in years. I didn't want to be defined by being a mutant, that wasn't the life I wanted.

So I changed my name and moved to California to start a new life. This was years before we met.

I'm **sorry** that I never told you any of this before.

I would have understood. It wouldn't have made a difference in how I felt.

I'm **sorry.**

Right now, it's not safe for me to be around you or Soph. I'm...

Honestly, I **don't know** what I'm going to do. I just need **time** to figure it out.

I just wanted to let you know that I'm alive, that I'm okay. I wanted to make sure that **you are too.**

We are, but we miss you and just want you to come home.

I will. I **promise.** When it's **safe to.**

I'll call again **soon.**

I love you.

We love you, too.

ZZZZAT

Cell pinged in Garberville.

All right, let's **move out.**

You did the **right thing** here.

FEEDBACK

REAL NAME: Albert Louis

OCCUPATION: Biomedical Engineer

OTHER ALIASES: Lucas Peterson, Al Louis

CITIZENSHIP: Canadian

PLACE OF BIRTH:
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

MARITAL STATUS: Married

KNOWN RELATIVES:
Eleanor Peterson (Wife),
Sophia Peterson (Daughter)

GROUP AFFILIATION:
Alpha Flight (formerly)

BASE OF OPERATIONS: n/a

POWERS:
Electrokinesis: Feedback is capable of generating bioelectricity. He can project this energy as “energy-auras” or as blasts. He can also extend his aura to act as an exoskeleton armour around his physical body, enhancing his strength, size, agility and durability.

DEPARTMENT H HEADQUARTERS.

Just this morning, you stood behind me while I *promised* the people of Canada that you would keep them safe.

And you couldn't even go a whole day without *bungling it* for the *whole world* to see!

We didn't *expect* Northstar, Aurora, Fang and Nemesis to interrupt the mission.

We didn't even know that Nemesis was *still alive.*

Now that we know that we're in a race against our old teammates to reach these fugitive mutants, we can prepare for it.

We've fought alongside them, we know their weaknesses.

They won't get the drop on us *again.*

That's something that you and I can *agree on,* Guardian.

Because starting *tomorrow,* we're officially rolling out the Box Sentinel program.

A dozen units are *waiting* to roll on *my command.*

Because the four of you clearly can't beat your former teammates on your own.

KRAKOA NORTH.
MANITOBA.
CANADA.

‹How are you feeling?›*

*Translated from French.

‹I...I don't know...›

‹I've never been so *scared* in my life.›

‹Well, breathe easy. You're *safe* now.›

‹Is it true that Mars is *only mutants?* Do you have a way to bring me there?›

‹It's not safe there right now. Instead, we're going to bring you to a place called *Chandilar* until it is.›

‹And we're going to bring *you* and all of the other mutants we can there.›

‹But with the gates closed, we're going to have to do it by ship, so we need to bide our time and bring everyone in *one haul.*›

‹When?›

‹I don't know, but--›

Soon.

Department H is about to deploy Box Sentinels.

It's only a ***matter of time*** before they ***find you*** and discover we've been ***working together.***

We need to move every mutant here off Earth ***as soon as possible.***

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KRAKOA is for all MUTANTS

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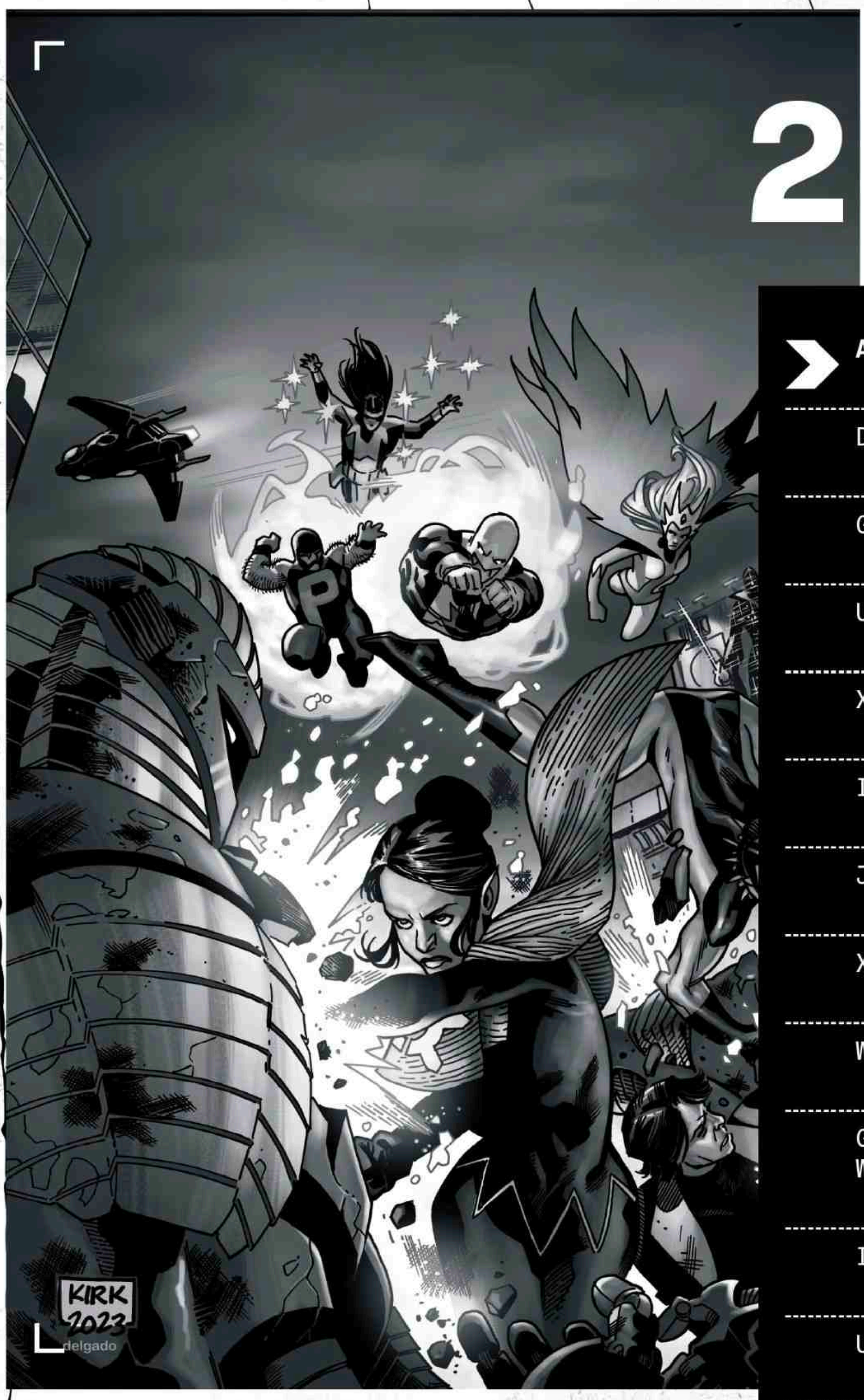

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WOLVERINE #36:

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WEAPONS OF VENGEANCE OMEGA #1

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5 YEARS EXPERIENCE

From Baaldur, with love...

GLORITH